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County awards contract for service delivery review

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The County of Haliburton will award the contract for a service delivery review it will have conducted for itself and its four, lower-tier municipalities to Toronto-based StrategyCorp.

Councillors voted to award the contract for the project, which will be completed during the next few months, at a Feb. 26 meeting. Council has been discussing conducting such a review during the past year. The study will look at the delivery of services, in particular, which tier is best suited to deliver which service, opportunities for consolidation of services, etc.

While initial staff reports regarding the project had referred to it as a "service delivery and governance review," with the implication the report may contain see PROJECT page 2



Boo to bullying

Educators and students showed their solidarity for Pink Shirt Day to raise awareness of bullying in schools, workplaces, homes and online on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. Schools across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board were encouraged to participate. /DARREN LUM Staff

MH council sets climate change targets

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors agreed upon greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets as part of the county's climate change mitigation plan during their Feb. 27 meeting.

Council was visited by county planner and deputy chief administrative officer Charlsey White and climate change co-ordinator Korey McKay. McKay was hired by the county late

last year and will be compiling the plan during the next couple of years. The first phase looks strictly at the corporate operations of each of the five local municipal governments – the upper tier of the county and its four, lower-tier municipalities – and how those operations can become more sustainable in terms of generating fewer emissions.

The first step in that process is to have each of those municipal governments set aspirational targets in terms of emissions reductions. For the county as whole, the waste sitting in the townships' landfills by

far constitutes the greatest amount of overall emissions at 77.3 per cent. Municipal vehicle fleets produce 16.1 per cent of emissions, municipal buildings 6.4 per cent, and water and waste water systems 0.2 per cent. As for the municipal governments, the smallest percentage of emissions is generated by the County of Haliburton, which does not oversee landfill operations, at 5.5 per cent. For the four lower-tier townships, whose operations include landfills, their share of emissions essentially break down along lines of see COUNCIL page 2



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Project to be completed by mid-June

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recommendations for the possible reconfiguration of the local municipal government structure, more recent reports have referred to it only as "service delivery review."

During last week's meeting, chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said the review would concentrate solely on service delivery, and that any conversation about the potential reconfiguration of local municipal structure would be left to council based on the information in the review.

"I can't emphasize enough that this will really deal only with service delivery," Rutter said, adding that the information could then be used to inform any conversation on governance restructuring.

The county received eight bids on the project, ranging in cost from about \$65,000 to about \$225,000, plus disbursements and taxes. The bid from StrategyCorp. was toward the high end of that spectrum at \$219,000 plus disbursements and taxes. As Rutter explained, proposals were evaluated by the county's five chief administrative officers based on a number of criteria including understanding of the project and completeness

of the proposal; methodology and work plan; experience and qualifications; and cost.

A short list of three companies chosen through the CAOs' evaluations then made presentations to county council in closed session on Feb. 12, and councillors evaluated their presentations.

"The end result recommended that it be awarded to StrategyCorp," Rutter said. "I have noted a few things in [my report] that really set their proposal apart."

Rutter said the company had given every elected official in the county the opportunity to be interviewed, and interviewed various municipal staff.

"Their consultation with staff didn't just end with senior management or even middle management, they interviewed the frontline staff as well, which we thought was pretty unique and creative," he said.

"They had completed a number of similar projects," Rutter continued, noting one in Newmarket that had resulted in significant cost savings from service delivery realignment. He said the company also has experience with small and rural municipalities.

Rutter's initial estimate for the project, which he'd noted at the time may be conservative, was \$150,000. Heading into the process, it was agreed that the upper tier would fund half the project, while each of the lower tiers would contribute 12.5 per cent of the cost. However, the county was successful in an application for \$150,000 of modernization funding from the provincial government, meaning the bulk of the project's cost will be covered by a provincial grant. While it was initially anticipated the project would be completed late in the year, a stipulation of the grant funding is that the review must be complete by June 12.

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Council sticks with recommendations

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population. Dysart et al generates 29.5 per cent of emissions; Minden Hills 27.1 per cent; Highlands East 21.4 per cent; and Algonquin Highlands 16.5 per cent.

Emission levels collected from 2018 data will be used as a baseline, and the target year for reductions is 2030. For the Township of Minden Hills, its corporate emissions total 4,253 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year, or about the same as 903 vehicles driven annually, or equivalent to the energy use of 509 homes in a year. Approximately 81 per cent of those emissions come from its landfills, 12 per cent from its vehicle fleet, six per cent from township buildings and less than one per cent from its water and wastewater system.

It was McKay's recommendation that the township aim to reduce its buildings' emissions by 20 per cent, and emissions from its vehicles and waste facilities by 10 per cent, respectively, by 2030. For buildings, sustainable retrofits can help lower emissions, and McKay's report noted that for 2018, 28 per cent of the township's building emissions came from the former arena and community centre. The township is in the process of constructing its new arena, which will be more energy-efficient than the old one. As for vehicle fleets, the adoption of anti-idling policies, as well as purchasing hybrid or electric light-duty vehicles are recommended, and for landfills, educational programming aimed at greater waste diversion, the benefits of composting at home, etc., are expected to help achieve targets.

At the Feb. 13 meeting, there was indication from some members of council that they wanted to set targets that were more aggressive and Councillor Bob Carter questioned where population growth projections in the report had come from. The report included

a population growth projection for Minden Hills of 15.8 per cent by 2030, which Carter noted equated to about 1.25 per cent per year. That figure had come from the county's official plan.

McKay's report at the Feb. 27 meeting contained three annual population growth projections from the Ministry of Finance, the official plan and Statistics Canada at 1.18 per cent, 1.32 per cent and 1.54 per cent, respectively.

White noted that while population growth and emissions levels are interrelated, they don't fluctuate in exact lockstep.

Some members of council again indicated they wanted to set reduction targets over and above the recommendations.

"I could give up beets for Lent, and it wouldn't affect me," Carter said, indicating he'd like to set more aggressive targets. "If we make it great, if we fail, too bad."

Councillor Pam Sayne indicated she wasn't sure the recommended reductions in the vehicle fleet were enough, given newer vehicular technologies, and suggested the township should start moving away from gasoline-powered vehicles where possible.

"The fleet concerns me because we [the township] keep buying new vehicles, even though we're [as a society] going electric," Sayne said.

"I think what you're hearing here is that we're not interested in setting targets that don't even break a sweat," said Mayor Brent Devolin.

There was some consideration of waiting for more information on landfills before setting targets, however, since the targets are meant to be aspirational and are flexible over time, council ultimately adopted the targets that were recommended in McKay's report, and will review and possibly revise those targets in a year's time.

Smokehouse closes following operating without licence charge

OMAFRA regulations were too onerous for one-man operation, owner says

by JENN WATT
Editor

Norm's Smokehouse is no longer selling food, from now on selling vintage fishing tackle and processing wild game, the owner says, following years of frustration with provincial regulations and a recent conviction for operating a plant without a licence.

In September 2019, a compliance and ad-

visory officer and a health inspector came to Norm's Smokehouse in Gelert to do an inspection.

"At the time of this inspection, there were a number of smoked, cured and dehydrated meat products that were confirmed to have been made on site," a provincial government spokesperson said. "The production of these types of products is regulated under the Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001 (FSQA), and a licence is required to produce them if they

are to be offered for sale or distributed to other people or businesses. [Owner/operator Norm Weber] did not have a licence to conduct those activities."

He was also found to have been supplying a local business with the meat products.

Weber pled guilty to carrying on a licensed activity without holding a licence contrary to Section 4(1) of the Food Safety and Quality Act on Feb. 11 and was fined \$6,000 plus a victim surcharge of \$1,500.

Weber told the *Minden Times* that the smoked meat found during the inspection was in his coolers, but not in the shop's display coolers.

Over the years Weber said he's found regulations imposed on his one-man operation increasingly burdensome to the point where he could no longer operate.

"The trouble with the way OMAFRA [the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs] works is there's one set of rules for everybody, so Maple Leaf Meats and Norm's Smokehouse all have to follow exactly the same rules regardless if I have 100 customers and they have 100,000 customers," he said.

Weber was initially licensed in 2007 and for years complied with regulations, he said, describing a system of complex documentation and inspections. In 2016, following a conviction for interfering with a detained meat product without authorization, Weber said he relinquished his licence and sold

ready-to-eat products from an outside supplier as well as smoked fish and cheese.

That incident, which Weber refers to as "the salami caper," was the result of Weber producing sausage not approved for inspection. That sausage was placed under detention and he smoked it without authorization.

In total, Norm's Smokehouse has been convicted three times under the Food Safety and Quality Act.

Despite the charges, Weber said that food safety was never an issue. "Never ever once ever was there an issue with food safety," he said.

Following his most recent charge, Weber decided it no longer made sense to stay open.

"They just keep snagging me up on these stupid regulations," he said. "I closed my business so that I can still make my own product. I'm in my shop now and I just made some pepperettes and I don't have to worry about compliance officers coming in and finding it because I'm not a food premises anymore."

He said there is now a sign in the shop that says his business has been regulated out of existence.

He now smokes meat for personal use only and will continue with wild game meat processing.

"I'm done," he said. "Good luck to anybody else in the business."

With files from Angelica Ingram



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MH council passes 2020 budget

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Feb. 27 meeting of Minden Hills council.

Council passed the township's 2020 budget, which includes a 5.3 per cent tax levy increase, equating to a tax rate increase of 2.15 per cent for residents. For a residential property with an assessed value of \$300,000 in 2019 with a three per cent phased-in assessment increase, this would equate to an increase in taxes of \$57.08 for the year. That's for the lower-tier portion of residents' tax bills, which also include a portion for the upper-tier of the county, as well as the school board. Haliburton County council passed the 2020 county budget in late January, with a 1.67 per cent tax rate increase. For residential properties, the tax increase translates to an additional \$3.52 for every \$100,000 of assessment. So the owner of a home assessed at \$300,000 would pay an additional \$10.46 at the upper tier for the year.

Increased waste haulage costs

Council approved a budget overage of \$144,000 for the haulage of construction and demolition waste from the Scotch Line landfill by Miller Waste. As a report from public works director Travis Wilson indicated, in July of 2019, council hired Miller Waste for the job, at a rate of \$40 per tonne for disposal and \$1,400 per load for transport. "This quote was based on hauling to a specific facility," the report read. "The amount of material on site at Scotch Line Landfill quickly used up the capacity at this facility organized by Miller."

According to the report, a change in haulage distance and tipping fees for alternative sites has resulted in increased costs of \$43 per tonne and \$1,550 per load for transport. While \$100,000 had been included for these costs in the 2019 budget, the total amount for those services exceeded that amount by \$144,000. The report indicated that higher-than-anticipated tipping fee revenues for the township in 2019, some \$60,000 more than budgeted, had helped offset these costs. Council approved the overage and also that any further unfinanced haulage costs come

from landfill reserves in the absence of a departmental surplus.

Financing Irondale landfill closure

Council approved a staff recommendation that the closure of the township's Irondale landfill, scheduled to take place this fall, be

funded internally using cash reserves, at an interest rate of three per cent over a duration of 96 months, and that interest earned from the internal funding be budgeted as a contribution to landfill reserves. Also, any costs that substantially exceed the anticipated \$290,500 cost of the closure are to come back to the council table.

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Clean your Smoke Alarms. Help your Smoke Alarm remain sensitive and ready to protect you by gently using a vacuum cleaner once a month to remove dust and cobwebs.

We hope these simple tips from the Minden Hills Fire Department will help keep your family safe. Please remember that fire prevention is your best course of action.



DID YOU KNOW



The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is offering Half Day March Break Camps for children and Afternoon Open Studio Sessions for all ages during the March Break. Visit www.mindenhills.ca/events/ for more information.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Public Welcome

Meetings are held at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

Mar 12 - Committee of the Whole Council Meeting

Mar 26 - Regular Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August and December

NOTICE REGARDING WATER AND SEWER USAGE FEES

By-law #20-29 was passed on February 27th setting the 2020 sewer rates for the Village of Minden. The fee shall be \$3.66 per cubic meter with the minimum quarterly amount being \$172.02 for consumption that is equal to or less than 47 cubic meters.

By-law #20-30 was passed on February 27th setting the 2020 water rates for the Village of Minden. The fee shall be \$3.15 per cubic meter with the minimum quarterly amount being \$129.15 for consumption that is equal to or less than 41 cubic meters.

By-law #20-31 was passed on February 27th setting the 2020 water rates for the Lutterworth Pines Community. The annual flat rate fee shall be \$1,157.63.

CALL FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Cemetery Advisory Board which governs the operations of the cemeteries which are located within the boundaries of Minden Hills and which are owned by or fall under the responsibility of the municipality.

If you, or someone you know is interested in getting involved, please complete and submit an Advisory Committee Application Form in person, by mail or email to:

Cemetery Board Advisory Committee Application
Clerk's Department, 2nd floor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

or email: sprincent@mindenhills.ca

This is an open call for applications until membership is filled.

For more information, please contact Vicki Bull, Clerk at 705-286-1260 x. 215 or vbull@mindenhills.ca.

Application Forms are available online at <https://mindenhills.ca/advisory-committees-2/>.



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County will conduct wide public consultation on shoreline bylaw

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County council will undertake a wider, more in-depth public consultation process on a draft enhanced shoreline preservation bylaw that may include the creation of a sub-committee, councillors decided during a packed meeting on Feb. 26.

Council chambers were filled to standing room-only, an extremely rare sight, during council's meeting last week. Councillors heard two delegations – one from the Coalition of Haliburton County Property Owners' Association's board chairman Paul MacInnes and one from Glenn Evans of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association – regarding the draft bylaw.

While Haliburton County has had a shoreline tree preservation bylaw – restricting the cutting of trees within 30 metres of the high-water mark – since 2012, the new draft shoreline protection bylaw entails heightened protections including that of all vegetation within the same shoreline band, along with stricter regulating of site alterations and other restrictions.

In a 20-minute presentation, MacInnes detailed the interconnectivity between natural shorelines and lake health. Among benefits such as the prevention of erosion, shorelines with native vegetation filter out phosphorous, as well as other contaminants such as fertilizers and pesticides.

Even in a well-operating septic system, MacInnes noted university research indicating that up to 35 per cent of phosphorous can still make its way into the ground.

"It's critical that we have that deep-rooted vegetation along the shoreline to intercept



that before it gets into the water, because phosphorous is enemy No. 1," he said.

In addition to filtering phosphorous from septic systems, MacInnes noted that shoreline vegetation also filters it from the air and from rainwater, which has a phosphorous concentration up to 10 times that of lake water. Catch basins for lakes, he said, are approximately 60 times the size of the lakes themselves.

"So that's a lot of rainwater that needs to get filtered," said MacInnes, who'd brought representatives from 23 lake associations throughout the county with him to last week's meeting.

High levels of phosphorous lead to low oxygen levels in aquatic ecosystems, which

can create blue-green algae. Blue-green algae can lead to atrophy of lakes, and once a lake starts developing blue-green algae blooms, MacInnes noted, it's more likely to repeatedly develop them. This has been the case with some lakes in Muskoka, which have seen plummeting property values as a result. In the summer of 2018, there were eight reported sightings of algae blooms in Haliburton County with one, which later dissipated, confirmed by the MOE.

In order to prevent a lake's health from declining, the CHA has said that 75 per cent of the shoreline should be natural and that currently, just less than half the shorelines in Haliburton County are natural.

The CHA has advocated for an enhanced shoreline preservation bylaw.

"We've been discussing it publicly for two years," MacInnes said, noting those conversations have also been covered in the local media, and that the county had undertaken an online public consultation process. "If it's a surprise to somebody that we've been talking about this, they haven't been paying attention."

MacInnes said he thought there was misinformation about the draft bylaw circling in the community, noting it would apply to new activity, and that existing waterfront properties would be grandfathered under its regulations.

"I've seen some of the information that's been sent around critical of the CHA and I take it personally," MacInnes continued, "because the CHA, when we come before county council, and we give scientific information, that scientific information comes from reputable sources. It comes from papers that have been peer-reviewed and passed. It comes from people who have checked and double-checked the sources. We don't say something

because we've read it on the internet."

"And we don't have a vested interest," MacInnes said. "We're not trying to make money, we're not trying to make our jobs easier. We only have one vested interest, and that's keeping our lakes healthy."

"There will be costs to this bylaw, absolutely," MacInnes added. "It's not going to be without costs, it's not going to be without adjustment. But, it's our belief that the costs of this bylaw will pale, absolutely pale, in comparison to the costs if we don't protect our lakes."

County Warden Liz Danielsen expressed how much council has appreciated the CHA's work over the years, and reiterated that public conversations regarding the draft bylaw have been ongoing for some time.

"Just for everyone's information, this is a process that did start a long time ago," Danielsen told the room, adding that Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt had counted that during the past couple of years, the bylaw had been discussed at at least 26 different meetings (a combination of upper-tier county and lower-tier municipal meetings) and appeared in nearly a dozen local newspaper articles.

"So for anyone to suggest that we've been working under the cloak of darkness or we haven't been trying to get the message out is not fair," Danielsen said. "Our planner has provided us with a document that we've asked for. But, it's a draft document and it's going to need some work and everyone is going to have an opportunity to have input."

"First of all, I want to say that I agree with council, CHA has done an outstanding job," Evans said as he got up to the microphone on behalf of the home builders' association. "We don't want an adversarial-type situation."

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Municipality of Dysart et al
In the Heart of the Haliburton Highlands

Process may include creation of sub-committee

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tion. We believe that we can work together to protect our lakes, we believe that is possible for mechanisms . . . to be put in place, but we feel that the bylaw's a little bit far-reaching."

"The economic impact, although it would be difficult to tell at this point what that economic impact might be, I can share some stats with you that we have," Evans said.

He said the home builders' association had done some polling among its membership, as well as affiliated non-members such as landscapers and members of the real estate community, "and that collectively, there's 980 full-time and part-time jobs, and that's just of the people that responded to our request for numbers . . . So, I would suggest that number is probably low. There are lots of folks that did not respond."

"On average, when we rebuild a new home, between delivery people, tradespeople, truck drivers, you name it, there's between 280 to

300 people that are working on that site . . . over the span of its duration," Evans added. "If one of those homes, or one of those people, says, you know, if I can't at least do a little work at the shoreline – I'm not saying clear-cut, I'm not saying any of that – but that would impact somebody's decision to come here."

Evans said the home builders looked forward to participating in the process, and working with the county and the CHA. "This is not adversarial, as I said," Evans reiterated. "We need to work together, because this is very important, it's important to everyone."

The county conducted an online public consultation process on the first draft of the

bylaw throughout the fall using the application Wade In, that process garnering hundreds of comments.

Danielsen suggested that before embarking on wider public consultation, that county councillors should conduct a thorough review of the draft bylaw and first agree amongst themselves what should be included in a second draft.

"It's my impression that, having seen the full document, and despite it being exactly what we asked for, there are some differing opinions and approaches within council," the warden said, suggesting that at their March committee-of-the-whole meeting, councillors take an in-depth look at the draft bylaw. "So we've got a document that we, at least, are in agreement on, and then the public can have a look at it and we can get more input from the public and all the stakeholders that are feeling strongly about this document."

Moffatt said she agreed with a review by council as a next step.

"I've enjoyed a number of discussions and emails with a number of folks and I want to thank those folks who did reach out," Moffatt said. "And I feel, having heard from a number of those people, that I would come to that discussion fully armed to ask certain questions of clarity."

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin agreed, said he'd like to see a series of public meetings take place throughout the county going into the summer, and also suggested the creation of a sort of Coles Notes, user-guide version of the bylaw be drawn up so that residents can more easily understand what would be and not be permitted under the bylaw.

Devolin, who's in his second term, said the

bylaw "has been the most engaged item that we've had since I've sat in this chamber."

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said that in addition to using online public platforms, he'd also like to see a series of public meetings take place.

"I think it's a tool, but I would really advocate for an extensive public consultation right across the county," Kennedy said.

Kennedy and Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts both said they'd like to see the creation of sub-committee dedicated to the issue. Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall

said he agreed with the direction, but thought council needed to be careful of "building an elephant," that is, creating an overly complicated process whereby council might risk losing the sight of the goal it's trying to accomplish.

Ultimately, councillors decided they would conduct a review of the draft bylaw, and that staff will look at further online engagement opportunities, as well as organizing a series of public meetings. The creation of a sub-committee or working panel will also be considered after the creation of a second draft.

Secondary school teachers' union plans strike March 5

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the Haliburton Adult and Alternate Education and Training Centre will be closed Thursday when teachers participate in a one-day strike, unless a deal is made between the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation union and the provincial government before then. Selected school boards across the province will take part in the one-day, full withdrawal of services, while others will remain open with a limited withdrawal of services which has been in place since

November.

Rotating one-day strikes involving the county's high school, alternate education centre, and elementary schools have taken place over the past several weeks. Issues identified by the OSSTF as important in their negotiations include class sizes, mandatory e-learning, and teacher compensation.

OSSTF/FEESO has more than 60,000 members across Ontario, and OSSTF District 15 includes public high school teachers, occasional teachers, and about two dozen professional support personnel including social workers, speech language pathologists, and psychometrists.

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Building an elephant

HALIBURTON COUNTY council chambers were full last week, more than full, to hear two delegations related to the county's draft enhanced shoreline preservation bylaw. Residents not only filled the chairs of the chambers' public gallery, but were lining the walls and spilling out into hallways. It was an extremely rare sight for a room where the balance of public attendees is typically constituted by two or three members of the local media. The audience last week included numerous representatives of lake associations, members of the construction industry including contractors and landscapers, and municipal councillors from throughout the county.

It's become abundantly clear in the past few weeks that the county's shoreline preservation bylaw is a contentious one, and council plans to go well above and beyond what it is required to do to ensure that all voices are heard. However, toward the end of the conversation last week, Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall made a prudent comment, which was that council needed to be careful of "building an elephant," that is, creating an overly complicated process wherein focus on the original goal may become lost.

As Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations board chairman Paul MacInnes and county staff noted last week,

the county has facilitated an online public feedback process, and hundreds of comments regarding the draft bylaw have been received on that forum. MacInnes and County Warden Liz Danielsen both noted that public conversations regarding the bylaw have been ongoing for more than a year, and that the intention to create such a bylaw has been reported on numerous times by local media.

"So for anyone to suggest that we've been working under the cloak of darkness or we haven't been trying to get the message out is not fair," Danielsen said.

Still, it's become very obvious that many in the community were not aware of the draft bylaw, and county councillors have made it clear they intend to provide ample opportunity for more public input. While the specifics of that process have yet to be established, based on council's discussion last week, it will involve additional online opportunities, as well as what seems likely to be a series of physical public meetings. There will also be consideration of a sub-committee or working group, and it was also suggested that group perhaps act as a panel during those public meetings.

It's clear this process will take a number of months, and it's important that the creation and management of a complicated public engagement process not deter from the point of the process itself.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Kwarky



"He's my service animal."

Making spring last

THE OTHER DAY I received a phone call from an old friend of mine who moved to New Brunswick a few years back. He informed me he has finally acquired his guide's licence and invited me to visit him this spring to fish for striped bass.

This is an offer that is very hard to refuse. And yet I probably will pass on it.

You see, as much as I'd like to visit my friend and fly fish for those great game fish during the peak of their run, spring is too short and there are already too many things for the outdoors enthusiast to do. My dance card is especially full this spring.

I already have plans in place for turkey hunting and a brook trout fishing canoe trip. There's also time slated for ice out lake and rainbow trout fishing, chasing pike, a spring bear hunt, welcoming and training a new Springer Spaniel puppy as well as a work conference. Somewhere in all that, I also have to fit in my family life and daily work too.

So, frankly, there are only two options for me if I want to go striper fishing. I could either cancel one or more of my current scheduled activities or invent a rudimentary time machine.

Thus far, I am only in the research and development phase.

To be clear, I am not formally trained as a scientist. In my favour, however, I have watched Back to the Future several times and also recognize the importance of a flux capacitor – which, unless I am mistaken, is more than half the battle.

I won't lie to you. There have been a few setbacks.

For one thing, my test subjects are cats. And working with cats is not easy.

No matter how much catnip you give them, they have a natural aversion to wearing tinfoil helmets and running backwards on treadmills. Also, I currently have no way of communicating with them to find out if they have indeed gone back in time. For all I know, they could have been chased by velociraptors, which would probably explain why they get nervous whenever I get the tinfoil helmets and catnip out.

I would work with mice, but, as I said, I have cats, so that could be messy. I am not a fool.

That's why I fashioned a tinfoil helmet for myself. If my calculations are correct, my initial experiments would send me back precisely three seconds in time. This doesn't seem like a lot until you pull the trigger on a turkey and miss or set the hook two seconds late on a good fish. Then, going back three seconds in time is all a hunter or angler could wish for.

Here are my scientific notes from this morning.

7:05 a.m. and 30 seconds: Donned my tinfoil helmet and ran backwards on the treadmill. Interestingly enough, catnip has a much more pleasant flavour than I expected.

7:07 a.m. and 27 seconds: I am wheezing and my head is getting sweaty.

7:07 a.m. and 32 seconds: I'm done.

A lot of people might give up at this point and resign themselves to the fact that striped bass fishing is not in the cards this year. I am not one of those people though.

As far as I know, my method has not had any adverse effects on me at all. Therefore, I will continue to experiment until I make a breakthrough.

Right after, I finish playing with this ball of yarn.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Lessons from the SARS epidemic

THE BAD BOY virus COVID-19 is on Canada's doorstep, trying to smash down the door.

The betting is that it will break through and spread into communities across the country. It has infected people in more than 60 countries and is about to become a global pandemic.

The SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) crisis of 2003-2004 gave us good lessons about how to handle infectious disease emergencies. I'm not certain how well we have learned from those lessons, but I guess we are about to find out.

One important lesson of SARS is: Keep the politicians out of this. Medical crises need to be handled by medical professionals basing decisions on science, not politicians acting on the whims and wishes of their parties and their supporters.

The SARS Commission, an independent panel established to investigate the introduction and spread of SARS, reported that crisis demonstrated the importance of "medical leadership that is free of bureaucratic and political pressure."

"SARS showed us that while co-operation and teamwork are important, it is essential that one person be in overall charge of our public health defence against infectious outbreaks," the commission said. "The Chief Medical Officer of Health should be in charge of public

health emergency planning and public health emergency management."

The United States has ignored this lesson, and that's bad news for us because it is our closest neighbour.

President Donald Trump has appointed politically toxic Vice-President Mike Pence to lead that country's efforts against the virus. Pence was governor of Indiana during the 2015 HIV epidemic there and was criticized for his handling of that health emergency. It took him two months to declare an emergency, then critics accused him of saying that prayer, not science, was the way to stop the epidemic.

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We individual citizens need to ignore misinformation campaigns, conspiracy theories and other factless information that floats through the airways as easily as the virus itself.

We all need to listen to our medical professionals, and not overreact. Fear tends to give people louder voices, and emptier heads.

For instance, don't run out and stock up on medical masks. Masks bought off a drugstore shelf will not prevent you from getting the virus. They don't stop tiny particles from being inhaled into the lungs.

Masks that do block tiny particles, such as the N95 respirators, often are in short supply during epidemics and should be reserved for medical workers.

The other thing about masks, even those effective in filtering tiny particles, is that you just can't slap them on your face and be guaranteed safe. They need to be properly fitted by someone who knows what they are doing.

Health professionals say that the best way to prevent infection is to be vigorous in practising basic hygiene.

Wash your hands regularly, and properly. Most of us do that after using a washroom, but don't after touching handrails or something else used by hundreds of other people.

Wearing rubber gloves is not recommended because they pick up germs just as your skin does. If you are washing your hands regularly, you don't need gloves.

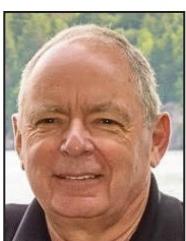
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letters to the editor

Bylaw won't solve lake problems

To the Editor,

As waterfront property owners and business owners we have reviewed the proposed shoreline protection bylaw as well as materials prepared by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA), the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) and other stakeholders. All are in agreement that the overall well-being of our waterways is of utmost importance and critical to the health and economic development of Haliburton County. However, what is being overlooked and what everyone needs to know is the fact that the current content of the proposed shoreline protection bylaw will not save the lakes and will most likely have negative impacts on jobs and our local economy.

According to the research provided by CHA, the majority of current damage and/or future risk of damage to our waterways (risk of blue/green algal blooms, etc.) is caused by phosphates. Phosphates include septic leachate and the use of fertilizers and pesticides, all of which are not addressed by this bylaw. Poor septic systems, the application of fertilizers/pesticides, road salt, leached vehicle fuels/liquids, pet and livestock waste, and shoreline erosion caused by the fluctuating water levels and flooding, which are controlled by the Trent Severn Waterway (TSW) are the worst offenders. None of these issues are controlled by this bylaw!

Haliburton County already has a comprehensive tree bylaw in place that manages the shoreline trees and stops the lakefront clearcutting. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) manages work along the shoreline. Activities or matters undertaken by the county, the municipalities (public parks and roads), Hydro One and other government agencies are all exempt from the proposed bylaw. All of which contribute most of the damage!

CHA's short film promotes protecting the "rib-

bon of life," which is defined as the upland 10-foot strip of shoreline back from the high water mark, as this area benefits/protects water quality, wildlife habitat and erosion. The proposed bylaw seeks to control 30 metres (100 feet), an extra 90 feet from the high water mark. It is harsh, unnecessary, and extreme overkill! Why does the county not start with a bylaw promoting/protecting/enforcing the protection of the "ribbon of life" area? It seems that this would be much more feasible, less costly and would meet the environmental goals of Haliburton County. Property owners and businesses will be more likely to comply, and local tradespeople can be educators and promoters all while still being able to work and provide valuable employment opportunities. As well, still allowing property owners to continue to use and enjoy their very expensive waterfront properties, which in turn helps make our community go round.

If the bylaw solved the problem, these costs might be acceptable, but it does not! It is bad policy. What it does do, is add another level of government/red tape. The adoption of this bylaw will cost us *all* money, not just individuals doing projects, not just the business, it will cost *all* of us. It will negatively impact many local businesses that employ good people like you. The same people that support our community, events and programs. It reaches far beyond just hurting our pocketbooks; the ripple effect is huge! The management and enforcement of this is not a small undertaking for the county and municipalities. The costs will be forwarded on to us: the taxpayers, the community members.

We encourage all residents to do your research, stay informed and share your concerns with others, including all Haliburton County council members.

Michele Bromley and John Fedeski
Boshkung Lake Tree Service

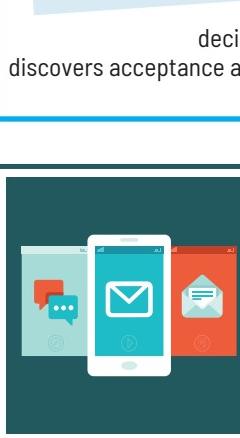
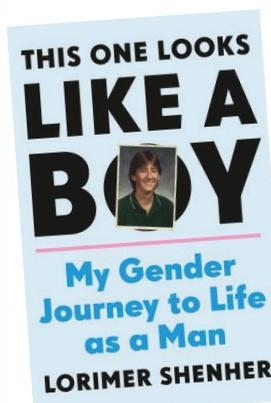
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Ripopee, a clownesque fable, brought four artists to the stage at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on March 1 to share music, fun with everyday objects, and engage the audience in hysterical hijinks. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Clowning around for laughs

Ripopée by L'Aubergine delighted a crowd of kids and adults at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton as part of the Razzamataz Kids' Shows! family entertainment series on March 1.

The next and last show of the 2019/2020 season will be "The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito," to be held Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

Sue Tiffin, Staff

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I HAVE BEEN using my snowshoes quite a bit this season. When I purchased them a number of years ago I did not know I would be living in a place where I would need to use them to get to my car. I am exaggerating but I could have used them to get to the composter the other day.

My new appreciation of snowshoes inspired me to write about them today. My research (a.k.a. Google search) led me to my first piece of new-found knowledge and that is there is an organization called Snowshoe Canada and it has a website. I did not know that before today.

The other piece of knowledge I gained today is archaeologists have not been able to date the origin of snowshoes or skis. Snowshoe Canada website states:

"...the best evidence suggests that the first device to serve as a foot-extender for easier travel over the snow was originated in Central Asia about 4000 B.C. Thus the snowshoe/ski is one of the oldest inventions of man, ranking in importance with the wheel."

The first snowshoes were modelled after the tracks of animals that could maneuver in the snow such as Snowshoe hares. They were made out of pieces of leather attached to blocks of wood. Later on they were made from ash and untanned rawhide webbing. Sometimes they were up to seven feet in length. The actual design varied by location. In the far north the snowshoes were almost in round shape while in the south they were long and narrow. Shorter versions were used in the woods. Speaking from experience that makes total sense.

It was in the early 1900s that snowshoeing became a recreational activity. The earliest recreational snowshoes were a combination of wood and rawhide, and resembled a

tennis racket. In the 1950s aluminum tubing started to replace the wood and the nylon was used instead of rawhide. Of course, with the increase of the popularity of the activity the selection of snowshoes has grown. Today there are so many options. This list breaks them into three categories:

- Aerobic/running (small and light; not intended for backcountry use);
- Recreational (a bit larger; meant for use in gentle-to moderate walks); and
- Mountaineering (the largest, meant for serious hill-climbing, long-distance trips and off-trail use).

I believe the snowshoes I own fall into the "recreational" category. Of course, I didn't know that when I purchased them but they seem to work pretty well for me. I should qualify that by saying I have nothing to compare them to. I don't sink into deep snow the way I would if I wasn't wearing them so that's good. If this is an activity you're interested trying I suggest borrowing or renting snowshoes before you buy. It's a great activity to get you out to enjoy winter and burn up to 300 calories an hour.

One last point – if you're the trail breaking person be ready to burn up to 50% more energy. Even with those things strapped to your feet it's still hard work. And don't let the dog walk behind you and stand on your snowshoes. That is no fun at all especially if said dog is a Great Dane.

Something to think about.

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Cook It Up lunches return Tuesdays in Minden

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch?

The sixth season of SIRCH's Cook It Up job training program, which supports adults who want to work in restaurants, camps or start a food service, is ready for the hungry public, beginning March 10.

Cook It Up trainees have been learning menu planning, reading and following recipes, knife skills and serving skills for the past month, and will host a free lunch every Tuesday at Molly's Bistro Bakery from noon to 2 p.m. until May 5 beginning next week.

The first week's menu, created by Emily Boccitto, Kim Gilmore and Kim Kasepkchuk, is Italian-themed. It offers an appetizer of prosciutto bruschetta or caesar salad, an entree of the "world's best lasagna," and a dessert of Italian cheesecake.

"The free three-course lunch is a genuine gift to the community from SIRCH," said Gena Robertson, SIRCH's executive director. "It's a thank you for all your support. And it also gives our trainees a very authentic experience that they couldn't find anywhere else. Part of the goal of Cook It Up is to help people feel connected, while building skills, confidence and a sense of community."

Jay McIvor, SIRCH's food initiatives coordinator, said "Cook It Up trainees are so excited to share their new-found skills with

the public ... There's enough food each week for 65 people, so get there early."

According to SIRCH, by the end of the program this year, 11 people will have increased knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise about food service and customer service. Over the past five years of Cook It Up training, SIRCH has graduated 34 people from the program, with 89 per cent of graduates gaining employment.

The Cook It Up program is supported by Molly McInerny and Guy Dumas, owners of Molly's Bistro Bakery, who share their restaurant on a day it is closed for the program to run on Tuesdays, and Social Services, City of Kawartha Lakes, which funds the program.

Cook It Up happens from noon to 2 p.m. at Molly's Bistro Bakery at 170 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. For more information or to see Tuesday's menus, posted on Mondays, visit SIRCH Community Services online at sirch.on.ca.

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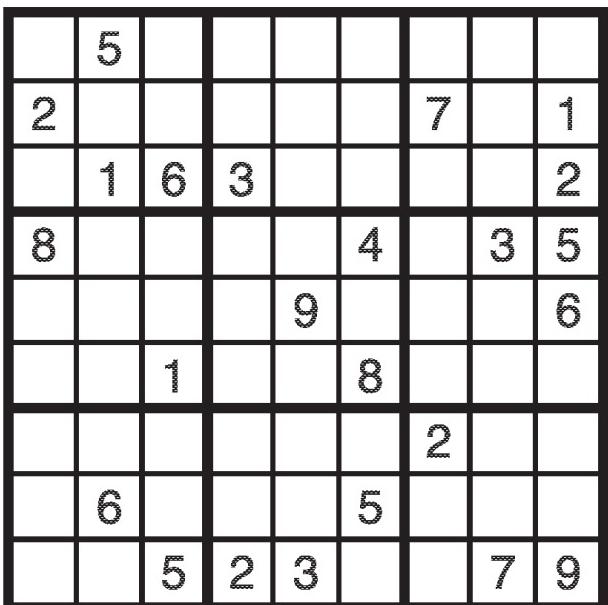
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Answers on page 12



This year, eleven trainees in the SIRCH Cook It Up program (seen here last year) have the opportunity to create and serve meals for guests./SUE TIFFIN Staff

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment
PLZBA2020011 – REVISED PROPOSAL

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 112 Bobcaygeon Road and located in Plan 1, Lots 5 & 6, in the Geographic Township of Minden (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Village Commercial (C4). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Village Commercial Exception Four (C4-4) Zone in order to permit five (5) dwelling units as an additional permitted use of the property. A previous proposal requested three (3) dwelling units.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2020011

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street during normal office hours and online at www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at iclendening@mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

ANY PERSON MAY ATTEND the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

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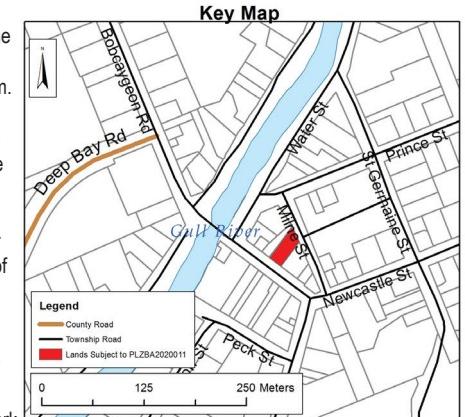
IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY DOES NOT make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

PRIVACY DISCLOSURE: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

DATED this 5th day of March, 2020
Ian Clendening, MPI., Planner

Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0
We cannot guarantee the exact time the Public Meeting will commence as the time may vary depending on the number of items on the agenda and the complexity of each matter brought forward.



Zumba is back in Dorset

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross

burgesslt@me.com

The Dorset Lions Club held its annual Senior's Dinner on February 26 and despite the snow storm, over 75 people were in attendance. Guest speaker Sarah French was there to talk about the Askep Valley Wildlife Sanctuary in Muskoka. Following the presentation Sarah was given a cheque for \$535 in support of the sanctuary's rescue and rehabilitation



Roy Zimmerman and Dorset Lions Club president Tom Krawczyk present Sarah French of the Askep Valley Wildlife Sanctuary with a cheque to support the sanctuary's work. /Photo by Chris Keen

initiatives. The Lions Club would like to thank the attendees that gave generously to this worthy cause.

Zumba is back in Dorset on Wednesday nights at the Rec Centre. A cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps with a fitness party atmosphere. All ages, genders and abilities are welcome. The cost is \$5 per person per class, payable to the instructor. For more information contact Joanne at 705-766-1546.

Happy birthday to Bryn Davies, Colleen Tyrell and Annette Schumacher. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on behalf of VERONICA BALAJ, application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for an Act to revive the corporation GROUP SEVEN CONSTRUCTION LTD.

The application will be considered by the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills. Any person who has an interest in the application and who wishes to make submissions for or against the application, to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills should notify, in writing, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A2.

Dated at Fort Erie, Ontario, this 5th day of February, 2020

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

NOTICE

ADOPTION OF 2020 BUDGET

NOTICE is provided that the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-law to adopt the 2020 Municipal Budget at its Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday March 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Township's Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2020.

Dawn Newhook
Municipal Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Rd.
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
T: 705-489-2379 Ext. 333
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Township Of Algonquin Highlands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicants: Barber/Ronchka
Lot 14, Concession 6, Halls Lake,
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of Lot 14, Concession 6 and part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 14, Concession 6, Halls Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 27, Concession 6, Maple Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 27, Concession 6, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10334.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **19th day of March, 2020** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: March 4th, 2020

Sean O'Callaghan

Planner
Township of Algonquin Highlands

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Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1

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Township Of Algonquin Highlands
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT VACANCY

Council is seeking one (1) interested individual to fill a vacancy as a Committee member for the remainder of the term of Council.

As a Committee Member you will:

- Be a Canadian citizen, 18 years of age or older;
- Be a qualified elector in the Township of Algonquin Highlands;
- Have a planning background by education or experience;
- Have knowledge of rural Ontario issues;
- Understand general land use planning concepts and processes;
- Have knowledge of the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law;
- Be available to attend meetings during the day; and
- Not be an employee of the Township of Algonquin Highlands or the County of Haliburton.

Note: Members are appointed to serve as individuals and shall not represent a specific interest group or agency. Members shall be chosen based on their interest, experience, availability, academic qualifications and expertise that they possess. Preference will be given to the criteria above, however applicants without the above listed technical background may also be considered. The public member appointments may be renewed once, but such member shall not serve more than 2 consecutive terms of Council unless explicitly authorized by Council due to continuity of function related to a specific issue or planning exercise.

Any person having an interest in being appointed to the Committee of Adjustment is invited to submit an expression of interest no later than Friday April 3rd, 2020, at 4 pm, detailing relevant experience and skills to the attention of:

Sean O'Callaghan B.U.R.PI, MCIP, RPP
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Township of Algonquin Highlands
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UPCOMING Community Events

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Lenten Lunch

When: March 4
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church
Service at noon. Followed by soup lunch. By Donation
World Day of Prayer, An ecumenical service

When: Friday, March 6 at 1 p.m.
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church,
7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden
All are welcome to attend. Refreshments and a short film
to follow. Wheelchair accessible.

Minden Curling Club, Boshkung Social - Tag Curling

When: Friday March, 6:30 p.m. to curl at 7 p.m. start
New Curlers, Family, Friends. All welcome!
At 9 p.m. Music by Sheri Hawkins & friends. Food
included all for \$7.50 per person. Contact Robert: at
robertpeacock89@yahoo.ca or call 705-286-3311

Minden Legion presents Gord Kidd & Friend, Brad Sales

When: Saturday, March 7, 2 to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Legion
Lunch available to purchase from 12 to 2 p.m.
Meat Draw at 1 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, For the Love of our Land – Stories of Conservation

When: Wednesday, March 11, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
Hear conservation stories from Peter Dahl, Margaret and
Leo Dobrzensky, the Bathe family, and Wayne Krangle. All
have provided excellent stewardship of their land and two
families have donated their properties to the Haliburton
Highlands Land Trust. A partnership with Yours Outdoors
Speaker Series. Please register through Yours Outdoors
at www.yoursoutdoors.ca

Lenten Lunch

When: March 11
Where: Our Lady of the Fatima Catholic Church
Service at 12 noon. Followed by soup lunch. By Donation

No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic

When: Wednesday, March 11
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301)
in Haliburton.
Free immunization clinics for families without a doctor. To
book an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-
4577, ext. 1507.

Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to
cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy
testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment
of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For
more information, locations or to make an appointment,
call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Up Close with Ontario Wildlife

When: Saturday, March 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Fish Hatchery
Join interpreters from Speaking of Wildlife as they give
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Rockbuster spiel celebrates 35 years

The Minden Curling Club recently hosted the 35th annual Men's Open Rockbuster Bonspiel with 22 teams participating.

The three day event began Friday, Feb. 21 and ended Sunday, Feb. 23.

The winner of the Harper Powersports and Marine trophy for the A event was the deVos rink from Teeswater.

The winner of the Minden Subaru trophy for the B event was the Tambosso rink from Richmond Hill.

The C event winner of the Garbutt Disposal trophy was the Mitchell rink from Whitby and the winner of the D event sponsored by Dollo's Foodland was the Solly rink from Whitby.

Thanks to all the local businesses for supporting our bonspiel and a big thank you to all curling club members for volunteering their time to making the bonspiel a success."

Submitted by Pauline Plooard



Rockbuster A winners – deVos rink from Teeswater.



Rockbuster B winners – Tambosso rink from Richmond Hill.



Rockbuster C winners
– Mitchell
rink from
Whitby.



Rockbuster
D winners
– Solly
rink from
Whitby.



Monday, Feb. 24

Bowling Scores

High Triple H/C – Ken Thompson – 699
Women

High Average – Chris Cote – 181
High Single – Lydia Comeau – 221
High Single H/C – Lydia Comeau – 292
High Triple – Maureen Fahl – 527
High Triple H/C – Maureen Fahl – 755

Haliburton Red Wolves Bowling Scores
Skylar Pratt – 185
Luke Shapiera – 177
Sarah Hudson – 170
Emily Boccitto – 160
Russell Whetstone – 156
Kendra Graham – 143

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Artistic students' talents recognized

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Three high school art students are being recognized for their creativity and technical skills with money and awards won at the Kawartha Art Gallery's 2020 Student Juried Exhibition.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student winners were Grade 10 Jocelyn Chumbley, Grade 11 Justin Hagopian and Grade 10 student Nick Pamplin.

Jocelyn's work *Friendship is Magic* not only won the \$250 Barb Truax Award, but will also be seen by everyone who visits one of Lindsay's public libraries.

The award prize money covers the purchase of the work so it will be on permanent display in one of Lindsay's public libraries. A brass plaque with her name on it will be mounted with the work.

Justin, unable to attend the reception, received the \$100 Senior Juror's Choice Award for his ceramic work, *The Fluid Mind*.

Nick received the Junior Award for Technical Skill and use of Colour and received a \$50 bursary for his work *Voodoo Child*.

The exhibition's awards were handed out at its reception event held on Saturday, Feb. 29 at the venue Celebrations. There were 17 awards and \$1,000 worth of prize money awarded that afternoon. The juror for this year's exhibition was Alexander Wlasenko, curator of the Whitby Station Gallery.

This show featured 19 pieces by 14 HHSS students, which includes the award winners, Anabelle Craig, Jasmine Moghini, Tegan Wood, Owen Wootton, Makenna Robbins, Emma Mitchell, Olivia Villamere, Kylie Brohm, Fiona Higgins, Emma Boutin and Heather Colby.

The exhibition showcases close to a 100 artistic creations.

The range work includes paintings, drawings, digital art, water colours and ceramics produced by 80 students from Grade 9 to 12 representing four area high schools, HHSS,



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 10 student Nick Pamplin receives the Junior Award for Technical Skill and use of Colour and a \$50 bursary from volunteer Rosemarie Condon for his work *Voodoo Child* at the Kawartha Art Gallery's 2020 Student Juried Exhibition reception event, Celebrations on Saturday, Feb. 29 at the Lindsay gallery. The student exhibition is on until March 26.

/Submitted by Karen Gervais

I.E. Weldon, Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute and St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School.

This exhibition is on display at the Kawartha Art Gallery on 190 Kent Street West in Lindsay until March 26th.

With files from Karen Gervais



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Jocelyn Chumbley accepts the Barb Truax Award and \$250 from Barb Truax for her work *Friendship is Magic* at the Kawartha Art Gallery's 2020 Student Juried Exhibition. A brass plaque with her name on it will be mounted with the work.



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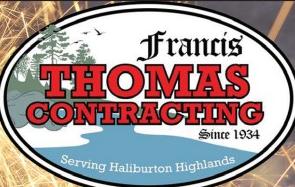


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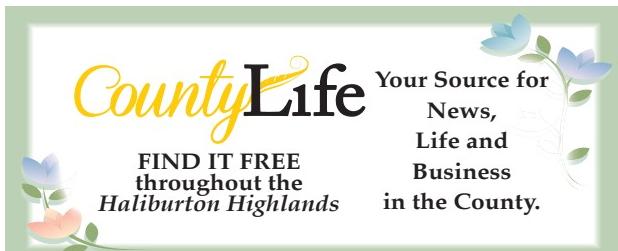
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**Feeling good**

Lucy Gray cooked up some hearty soup at a wellness workshop that put emphasis on ways to maintain overall health at any age. See page 14

**Open for business**

Kinmount and area Artisans Marketplace is back in business after renovations. Kawartha Lakes mayor Art Truax was among those at reopening. See page 19

In Quotes

"It's a bit scary to think that we lost three years in one." Eleanor Harrison, on landfill site's future, page 5

**Fun Philanthropy:**

A group of masked bowlers take a break from their games. The 23rd annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser raised \$11,240 from the contributions of 250 participants who bowled, outfitted with masks and costume jewelry at the Haliburton County Bowling Centre and Carnarvon Bowl & Billiard on Saturday, March 1. The event is a national initiative of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization.

Deer to get food aid as winter drags on

by MARTHA PERKINS
Special to The Times

Deer will start getting a little respite from the cold, snowy winter now that the Ministry of Natural Resources has approved an emergency deer feeding program.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association has purchased 10 tonnes of a mix

of corn and oats, with another 14 tonnes expected to arrive this week.

Last week, MNR area biologist Gerry Moraal flew over the Highlands to find out where the deer were congregating, and therefore determining where best to distribute the food.

"There's no sense dropping food off in the middle of nowhere," he said on Friday.

As well as being spotted at their regular deer yards, many deer were found along the Highway 35 corridor in Stanhope where people have been feeding deer on their own. There are also deer congregating near Drag Lake east of Haliburton.

The HHOA says it will provide some feed to assist these private individuals as well as dis... see LONG page 15

Cookie caper: Girl Guide Cookies go missing at The Times

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff



It didn't take long to get to the bottom of the story. I had been on vacation for a week of rest and relaxation, away from the hustle and bustle of the newsroom, only to find upon my return that anarchy had taken over The Times' office.

Rules had been broken, order had been annihilated...the office staff had morphed into mini monsters walking around town leaving only crumbs in their wake.

Faces were reveling with guilt, people were avoiding eye contact with me and to make things worse...no one was talking. Wait, let me rephrase that, no one was talking to me. A crime had been committed, I just wasn't sure exactly what had taken place in my absence. I put on my detective hat to get to the bottom of why everyone was acting so strangely.

All I kept hearing was "I couldn't resist." "I couldn't help myself." "They made me do it." "I thought we were supposed to eat them."

Finally I heard the key phrase inadvertently uttered under Managing Editor Martha Perkins' breath, as her eyes dart from my disapproving glare. I didn't catch the full sentence but I heard three words clearly. Martha said "Girl Guide Cookies."

Suddenly the dark clouds were lifted, and I was beginning to piece together what had transpired while I was away... See page 3

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